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Students unite to voice budget cut concerns

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Protestors could be heard chanting "Students united will not be divided" above the sound of bagpipes that played as the procession marched out of the annual Fall Convocation.

About 30 protestors walked amid UNO faculty members and administrators as they entered the student center for the reception that followed the 9 a.m. address.

Some students who marched in the procession joined Chancellor Nancy Belck inside the reception, where she answered their questions.

Belck offered a group of about 10 students the chance to join in the administration's strategic planning to prepare for future budget cuts, which Belck said will be faced in the next biennium.

Belck said though she had been an administrator in five states she had never taken a cut this deep during the academic year.

"I know you're affected," Belck told the students. "I hear you, and we're glad you're here."

Regent Randy Ferlic also spoke to students at the reception.

"Keep up your protest," he told them. "It is important."

Before the convocation started, students gathered in front of the Strauss Performing Arts Center to voice concerns about decisions made during the recent budget cuts.

Nick Turner, a junior public relations major, welcomed about 80 students, faculty and staff members who gathered just after 8:30 a.m.

"We're here today because we're upset because our administration made poor choices over the past weeks," Turner said.

Those who stood held signs reading "Why the disparity, don't you like diversity?" and "Open your eyes, reprioritize," among many others.

In addition to vocalizing concerns and holding signs,

students also registered to vote, signed petitions and signed up for minors in departments and programs targeted by the budget cuts.

Students were invited to explain how they were affected by the budget cuts.

Junior Nikki Strayer spoke and urged students to sign a petition to save the religion department.

"Students are the voice," she said. "We are what make this university run."

She asked students: "If we aren't paying for a diverse and well-rounded education, then what are we paying for?"

She said the United States is not a melting pot and that everyone is an individual.

"In a post-9-11 world, we need diversity," she said.

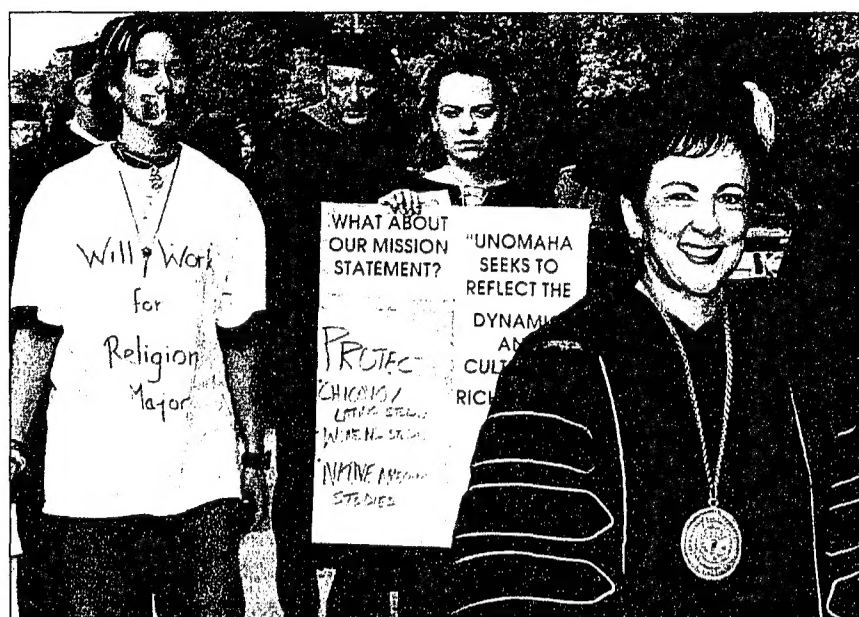
Cathy Warren-Bowen, a graduate history major who lost her secretarial position in interdisciplinary studies due to the budget cuts, said cuts were directed specifically at interdisciplinary studies.

She said even though the administration tried to affect as few people as possible, people were greatly affected.

"It did hurt me," she said.

Warren-Bowen held a sign that said "I am a \$20,000 budget cut."

English instructor Matthew Marx came to the protest to support his students and to show his disapproval of the cuts made.



Students Nikki Strayer (left) and Angie Robertson march behind Chancellor Nancy Belck in the convocation walk through campus. Strayer and other students duct taped their mouths shut as a form of protest.

"It seems that if there are some things to cut on campus, the Learning Center should be the last thing to get cut," he said.

He said he supports students in their right to protest against a university that does not support their best interests.

"I think it's sad the university is following a corporate model when the university is not and should not be run like a corporation," he said. "Our bottom line is not money but education. As soon as the bottom line becomes more important than the students, the foundation of the

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Students ask questions, administrators answer at Student Government forum

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Derek Hodgson, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said there will be "very, very fewer courses" offered and much less flexibility in schedules beginning this spring due to recent university budget cuts.

UNO's Student Government sponsored a forum to address the budget cuts Wednesday in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom.

About 50 students and faculty and staff members attended the event, which was held from 11 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.

Four panelists were present to answer attendees' questions: Hodgson; Ron Withem, associate vice president for External Affairs; Mary Mudd, vice chancellor for Student Affairs; and Shay Riggs, student body president/regent.

Many students asked questions about the decision-making process involved in determining the cuts.

Hodgson said the process was very open among the deans, who were "intimately involved in every step."

He said there were three major considerations when making cuts.

First, the administration tried not to affect priority programs.

Second, they tried not to disturb programs with a large number of majors.

And third, they tried to preserve programs on which other programs depend.

There are 13 priority programs at UNO, Hodgson said about 100 faculty members worked for nearly three months to set priority programs. He said priorities will be reevaluated about every three years.

Some students expressed concern that departments relating to cultural studies or social sciences were facing disproportionate cuts.

"Every college has suffered," Hodgson said.

He said the College of Business Administration will probably endure the greatest impact, and that the social sciences have not experienced a disproportionate brunt.

"There is no way we could have made different choices," Hodgson said.

Students also expressed concern about the manner in which the layoffs were executed.

Hodgson said the sentiment that the university did not handle the situation in the most humane way is accurate.

He said the Board of Regents is working on guidelines to outline the process should there be another round of cuts.

"If we do it again, we can do a better job," he said.

Another student in the audience was upset because she said students who are e-mailing administrators with their concerns are all receiving the same response.

She said she wondered if the administrators are taking




Vice Chancellor Derek Hodgson fields questions put forth by students regarding the recent budgets cuts during a Student Government-led forum Wednesday.

students' concerns into consideration.

Hodgson said the administration is doing just that and that student concern has already deterred administrators from making cuts that could have an adverse impact on the religion department.

Hodgson also said he is confident the university can continue to maintain all majors and minors at the undergraduate level.

Additional reporting by Josie Loza.

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Student Government candidates debate campus issues

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NEWS EDITOR

A handful of students gathered around the Fireplace Lounge in the Milo Bail Student Center Tuesday to hear student president/regent candidates debate university issues.

The debate, which was sponsored by *The Gateway*, allowed the students running to share their concerns with students.

Krissy Vogel and her running mate Aaron Winters said they would be proactive about student priorities.

"We here to represent the students," Vogel said. "If they feel we're not doing our job, I hope they hold me accountable for it."

Vogel said Student Government has been more inward looking instead of proactive.

"We have to make an effort to represent the student body," she said.

Joe Bilek, current vice president for the Student Government, and his running partner Kamina Jones also believed the Senate's connection with the student body has been falling off in recent years.

"It's being in touch with the students," he said. "I would also like to see an increase of the number of people that vote on campus."

Vogel believed that student barrier was

due to a lack of knowledge on how things are done on campus. She said that she would like to be more connected with the students.

Siding with her, Winters said he has the desire to get things done.

"If there is an issue that needs to be represented, I'll do it," he said. "I'm not afraid to take some heat."

Bilek believes that both his experience with the Senate and his position as president of the Infraternal Council will help him as student president/regent.

"I've gotten to know many organizations on many different levels," he said.

Jones said she also has the determination to get more students involved.

"Together we can reach out and touch more students," Bilek said.

Bilek said that he would like to see more pressure applied on the administration regarding campus issues, such as the recent budget cuts.

"On this campus we need to be more proactive," he said. "We need to take a

proactive stance to any problem between administration and the students."

Bilek said he would like to see students get more involved, especially when it comes to the voting booth. He said last year's voting figures wouldn't turn heads.

"It's important to vote," he said. "The more people we have on campus that vote, the more we'll be heard."



Student body president/regent candidates Krissy Vogel (left) and Joe Bilek participated in a debate Tuesday morning. The candidates answered many questions pertaining to their goals and plans if elected.

photos by Chris Machian

Student body president/regent hopefuls tackling many issues

JOSIE LOZA
NEWS EDITOR

Since the Student Government elections are underway, the candidates for student president/regent have been vigorously campaigning to ensure their votes.

This year, candidates are tackling more issues and asking the student body to get involved.

Joe Bilek, who is currently serving as vice president, said his previous experience with the Senate would help him.

Bilek and his running mate, Kamina Jones, plan to attack student representation on campus through surveying.

"We're trying to get an understanding of what the demographics are at UNO and how the students feel about issues."

Bilek said he asked Jones to help him represent the students more.

"I chose Kamina because she completes me," he said. "I'm not in touch with some of the student groups on campus that she is."

"The students need to speak out on any thing that is an injustice to them," he said. "Right now, budget cuts are a huge issue on our campus."

Bilek said that last year, only 2 to 3 percent of students that voted in the Student Government elections.

"On campus, there is way more power behind the student body than just the two of us," he said.

Bilek is trying to encourage more students to vote in the elections, which will be held on Oct. 15 and 16.

"I would be really happy if we got more people out to vote," he said. "Even if it's not for me, that's fine. I'll still work hard for them through January."

Bilek said students and the Senate haven't had such a good relationship because there is a lack of communication and education about issues.

"We can educate and have them understand issues on both sides," he said. "We need more students to be more proactive rather than reactive."

Bilek said one of his goals is to

have senators understand the students more.

"Right now, we speak for them," he said. "That's not an effective way to lead."

Krissy Vogel said she is excited about the race for student president/regent.

Vogel and her running mate, Aaron Winters said they work really well as a team. The duo said they would be proactive about student priorities.

"We want to listen to their concerns," Vogel said.

Vogel also said that she would like to see the Senate utilized more.

"We want to hold all the senators accountable," she said.

Some of the key interests they would like to pursue include more communication between the students and Senate, more lobbying, measures to prevent tuition increases and shuttle bus proposals.

"We're here to listen and respond," Winters said. "We have the desire to empower the students."

Student organizations host Latino Talent Show

JOSIE LOZA
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Each year when Latino Heritage month rolls around, Alejandra Villegas gets excited.

"There is always a lot going on for the students," she said.

The university poured on the salsa and merengue for students at a series of activities and fiestas that were held throughout the heritage month.

Villegas said the events were great learning tools.

"It makes me happy the UNO community is trying to learn more about my culture," she said.

The heritage month will conclude Oct. 15 with the Latino Talent Show, a joint project of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity and the Association of Latino

American Students.

The idea for the talent show originated from Aisha Dacosta, who is advising the committee for the Latino talent show. She said she thought it would be nice to end the month with a bang.

"A lot of time we don't get the students' input on organizing programs," she said.

Glenn Lewis, president of ALAS, said it means a lot that the university feels the organizations are valuable resources for input and participation for events.

"It makes us feel that we're more a part of the university," he said, "and that we have a say in things."

ALAS is helping out with sound equipment and acts.

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UNO student crowned Miss Nebraska

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Jessica Perea made history Saturday night as she was crowned Miss Nebraska USA 2003 at the Johnny Carson Theatre in Norfolk.

Perea, who is a senior broadcasting major at the UNO, became the first Latina Miss Nebraska in the history of the pageant. She was also awarded Best Gown and Miss Congeniality.

Perea, who is Mexican-American and Thai, said she hopes to be a role model for minorities in Nebraska.

"I want to be a positive representative of the minority population because there are a lot of negative misconceptions," she said.

Last year's pageant was Perea's first experience participating in a beauty pageant. With little modeling experience from local bridal shows, Perea impressed the judges and placed top six. That's when she decided to work harder and try again.

Perea continued to work out rigorously and maintained a healthy diet.

"I ate tuna every day for almost a year," Perea said. "I am really sick of it."

Physical trainers recommend tuna because it is high in protein and lacks the fat and carbohydrates found in most foods.

Preparation for this year's pageant was fairly time-consuming for Perea. She spent a lot of time researching interview techniques and she received assistance on her speech skills from communications professor Ana Cruz.

Former Miss Nebraska USA and UNO graduate Stacey Skidmore helped Perea with her walking skills, which helped her gain confidence on stage.

Perea said she was more comfortable this year because she had more time to prepare and was more knowledgeable of the pageant.

"I was more confident because of the help I got from everybody," she said. "I couldn't have done it without the support of my family, friends and ALAS."

The Association of Latino American



Senior broadcasting major Jessica Perea was crowned Miss Nebraska Saturday night in Norfolk.

Students is a student organization on campus that promotes academic achievement and provides a basis for cultural exchange among Latino students.

Perea, who was the vice president for the organization last year, said she was thinking about the support from ALAS throughout the entire pageant.

Sophomore Jamie Perea said she is overwhelmed that her older sister is Miss Nebraska USA 2003.

"Everyone I see I brag and tell them, 'My sister is Miss Nebraska,'" she said. "Her hard work has definitely paid off."

While several opportunities and a hectic schedule await Perea, she said she plans on scheduling her own events. She intends to visit her former high school to speak with girls about setting and reaching their goals. She also plans on participating in the Cinco de Mayo Parade and several other activities within the south Omaha community.

Perea said the whole experience is just shocking.

"I still cannot believe it," Perea said. "With confidence and believing in yourself there are endless opportunities."

YWCA sponsors Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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Last Sunday, a 22-year-old man set his 19-year-old girlfriend on fire because she refused to give him car keys.

The couple has a 2-month-old child together and live with his mother. When the couple began to fight, the mother called the police. The man hit not only his girlfriend but also his mother.

Domestic violence is not an issue to be taken lightly. Many organizations are getting together to promote Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Young Women's Christian Association is an organization in Omaha and across the United States dedicated to helping those in abusive situations.

The YWCA defines domestic violence as: "a systematic pattern of abusive behaviors, whether psychological, sexual, physical and/or economic, used by an

individual to establish power and control over his/her partner. The abuser is able to maintain power and control through the fear and intimidation of his/her partner."

The organization sponsors the program Women Against Violence, which is designed to provide those in domestic violent or sexual assault relationships with services and resources.

These resources include a 24-hour hotline, age-specific education and prevention programs, an advocacy program where legal and medical support is offered and a counseling program, both individual and group, for all ages and both men and women.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone; there are no typical or average abusers. Domestic violence also does not apply to just one gender or race.

According to the Bureau of Justice

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Rory Conces, a philosophy professor, teaches a critical reasoning class. Conces is the programming chair for the Third World Studies Conference, the editor of the annual Third World Studies Journal and Review and a member of the International Studies Faculty.

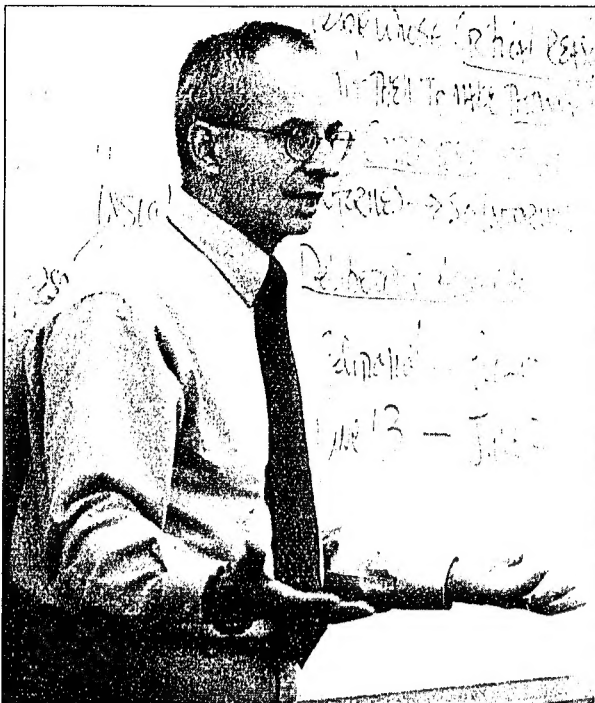


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Philosophy professor Conces has eaten beetles and sandworms

BRIANNE KEMP
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever thought about dining on sautéed water beetles and sandworms? How about enjoying a nice stroll down a once-sniper-infested alley? Even if you haven't ... there is someone who has.

UNO philosophy professor Rory Conces has done both.

Conces says he tries to "bring some of his own experiences into the classroom for students" when teaching various courses

including Social Philosophy, Critical Reasoning and Environmental Ethics.

The professor completed his undergraduate work at Creighton University and graduate work at both DePaul University in Chicago and the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has been teaching at UNO since 1992.

As programming chair for the Third World Studies Conferences since 1993, editor of the annual *Third World Studies Journal* and

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"Being Out Rocks" ...

National Coming Out Day celebrated Oct. 11

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On Friday, Oct. 11, thousands of people across the nation will join together in a celebration of themselves and who they are.

The day marks this year's National Coming Out Day. Since 1988, the event has encouraged people to come out as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

The movement began on Oct. 11, 1987, when half a million people marched on Washington for gay and lesbian equality. This triggered the idea of a National Coming Out Day, an event that celebrates openness about homosexuality. In 1988, events took place in 18 states and drew coverage from *Oprah*, *USA Today* and

CNN. By 1991, Coming Out Day events had spread to all 50 states, more than 150 publications and had a feature on *Geraldo*.

This year's theme, "Being Out Rocks," focuses attention on musicians who achieved their dreams while living open lives. A CD featuring GLBT artists as well as straight artists will be released on the day, with artists including Cyndi Lauper, Queen, K.D. Lang and Sarah McLachlan.

Events of the day in Omaha include a rally on the south side of Milo Bail Student Center from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. A youth dance for those age 13-23 will be held at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church.

For more information check out the Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out Day Web site at <http://www.hrc.org/ncop/index.asp>.

27th annual European Studies Conference at UNO this week

KACIE GERARD
STAFF WRITER

Starting Oct. 10 and continuing Oct. 11, the 27th annual European Studies Conference brings together individuals diverse in disciplines who are united in their interest in Europe.

The conference events are held in the Milo Bail Student Center. Anthony Jung, European Studies Conference coordinator, said the main topic of the conference is Europe today, in the past and in the future.

The conference began Thursday evening with a reception held jointly with the Third World Studies Conference. The informal reception was held in the W.H. Thompson Alumni House, located on the west side of the campus.

The reception began at 5:30 p.m. with a special guest speaker, the Turkish Ambassador to the U.S., Faruk Logoglu. Immediately following the reception there was a no-host dinner. Logoglu addressed the audience during the dinner.

Friday's program consists of a full day of activities, ending with an ethnic dinner at the Bohemian Café.

According to the conference's Web site, the interdisciplinary panels, workshops and performances bring perspectives and insights that have all earned the conference a reputation for high academic quality.

Jung expects over 50 participants. "Some are coming from abroad as far as Poland," he says.

Jung likes having the conference on campus because he believes it makes it readily available not only to students but to other people in the community.

"This is our 27th year; it has become a tradition," he said.

Jung encourages students, faculty and families to attend and enjoy the conference.

Those driving to the conference are urged to park in the south campus lot.

"It is very stimulating," he said. "You

European Studies Conference Events:

Friday, October 11
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Registration Crimson Room

9-10:15 a.m. **Session One**
Panel 1: Elections in Europe
Omaha Room
Panel 2: Literature and Issues of Identity
Council Room
Panel 3: Focus on History-Jenkins Room
Panel 4: Issues of Philosophy-State Room

10:30 - 11:45 a.m. **Session Two**
Panel 5: Europe in 2002: Issues and Challenges-Omaha Room
Panel 6: Beyond Nationalism?-Council Room
Panel 7: Languages and Learning
Jenkins Room
Panel 8: German Literature-State Room
noon - 1:45 p.m. Conference Lunch
Dodge Room
(Cost of conference lunch is included in presenter/chair registration fee.)

2 - 3:15 p.m. **Session Three**
Panel 9: Current Issues Concerning the European Union-Omaha Room
Panel 10: Hitler, Nazism and Dictatorship
Council Room
Panel 11: Economics and Finance
Jenkins Room
Panel 12: Issues of French Literature and Culture-State Room

3:30 - 4:45 p.m. **Session Four**
Panel 13: European Responses to Sept. 11
Omaha Room
Panel 14: Focus on Central Europe
Council Room
Panel 15: Minorities and Affirmative Action
Jenkins Room
Panel 16: Austria and Austrians-State Room
7:30 p.m. Ethnic Dinner Bohemian Cafe
(Transportation will be provided.)

can pick and choose whatever you want to hear."

For more information, check out the conference Web site at www.unomaha.edu/esc.

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Rejection Hotline could prevent public humiliation

ERIC EDWARDS
THE OREGON SENTINEL

Every Friday and Saturday night, all over America, phone numbers are traded.

Most often, they are requested by a man hoping to get a more personal interview with a woman he finds attractive.

Sometimes the woman is thrilled to get the attention, and the phone number is given up easily. Sometimes the woman would rather be beaten to death with her phone than give out her number to a sleazeball. Sometimes the guy would rather die than bear the public humiliation when he doesn't get those digits.

That's exactly what happened one night in Atlanta — and a guy named Jeff Goldblatt came up with a solution.

"We watched this short, fat, old, bald guy walk up to this real attractive blond girl and put his moves on and he failed pretty miserably in front of his own friends," Goldblatt said.

"It was painful for us to watch unfold. After that unraveled, we wondered if it was better to get rejected and embarrassed in front of your friends or to get a fake number which might give you the impression that you wrote a digit wrong."

And the Rejection Hotline was born.

The theory behind the hotline is that uninterested folks who would like to shrug off persistent suitors without making a scene could give them a fake number that would clue them in to the truth when they make the call.

When the call is made, the person does not hear the dulcet voice of his intended sweetie; instead, he gets a recorded message:

"Hello, this is not the person you are trying to reach. ... The person who gave you this number obviously did not want you to have their real number."

After word of the number spread, the capacity of Goldblatt's voice mail was seriously tested as the calls came pouring in, not just from Atlantans eager to shed unwanted advances but from people all over the country calling to have the Rejection Hotline brought to their communities.

A cute phone message that started as a joke last summer in Georgia has now expanded to 14 cities in the United States, including Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco, Washington and Miami, and one abroad in Dublin.

The popularity of the phone service has not only prompted Goldblatt to expand his phone system to deal with more callers, it has also driven him to seek corporate sponsorship that he hopes is coming soon from a big-name alcoholic beverage producer.

Of course, many people have a hard enough time remembering their own number without having to recall a fake number every time they want to blow someone off. To remedy this, Goldblatt sells personalized business cards on his Web site—the cards have the Rejection Hotline number on them.

Goldblatt hopes that, with sponsorship and an upgraded phone system in place, he'll be able to service every market in the nation within the next two months.

That means the clock is running out on the time when unwilling, but nonconfrontational, women will hand over their real numbers just to make a pest go away. In the near future, you may hear Jeff Goldblatt saying:

"Maybe you're not this person's type; note this could mean that you are short, fat, ugly, dumb, annoying, arrogant or just a general loser."

for newspapers and giving lectures.

Causing trouble might make the list as well. Conces once attempted to test his friends' advice to never take the tram in Sarajevo without a ticket by spending an uneventful week doing just that. The final day he attempted to avoid the system, he was approached by "two large security men speaking frantic and angry Bosnian" who escorted him off the tram and forced him to pay a fine. Apparently, his friends were right.

GALO shows its spirit

SARAH MEEDEL
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Through rallies and group meetings, UNO's Gay and Lesbian Organization is spreading its message of acceptance.

GALO has been serving the campus community for nearly six years.

Co-president Michael Taylor says: "It's a social group, it's a network group. It's also here to create awareness on campus about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues."

The group is not exclusive to those who are gay, bisexual or transgender. It is open to all people.

"We love when allies or people who don't know anything about the community come," says co-president Christine Mountain.

The group has approximately 60 people on its mailing list.

GALO does not have a set schedule for the meetings, at which attendance varies from three to 20 people. The group is trying to have meetings every other week, Tuesdays on campus and Thursdays off campus so everyone who wants to attend is included.

The organization has seen many ups and downs with membership numbers. When Nebraska legislature began a campaign to pass an amendment to the state's constitution to ban gay unions (initiative 416), GALO prepared to take it head on.

"Two years ago, when 416 started, the

organization revamped itself," Mountain says.

Mountain credits former president April Christensen for organizing rallies and increasing membership during that time period.

Taylor agrees with Mountain.

"The fight against 416 really mobilized students and involvement started to increase in GALO," he says.

Despite their efforts, the initiative was passed.

GALO has been involved in more events since then. Last year, the group participated in the Pride Parade, National Coming Out Day and Night of 1,000 Stars (Nebraska Aids Project). The group plans to participate in the activities again this year.

GALO is hoping to participate in more community service projects this year, such as Toys for Tots; however, nothing has been set yet.

National Coming Out Day is Friday, Oct. 11 and GALO is having a rally in honor of it. The rally will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Plaza. There will be various speakers, including John Carroll from TV's *Survivor*, Student President/Regent Shay Riggs, Native American Studies Director Carolyn Fiscus and National Coming Out Day Committee Chair Aric Lane. Ms. Pride 2002, Anistasia, will speak and perform for the audience. There will also be a poetry reading.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha has been invited to participate in the:

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Review and a member of the International Studies faculty, Conces is rarely unoccupied.

Conces does find time to travel, however. He has plans to visit Bulgaria this spring and to spend the summer teaching at the University of Prishtina in Kosovo.

Through the university, Conces has traveled to Kosovo, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, China and Japan. While away, he has spent time teaching classes in various schools, writing

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Kleptocracy exists, even in democracies

In addition to democracy, another form of government exists, known as kleptocracy. Kleptocracy usually involves hundreds of greedy individuals caught in a medley of wealth and power with their hands in other peoples' pockets.

We've seen it, for example, in the case of Mbutu, the former African dictator who formed a powerful mob that robbed his people of billions of dollars. Strangely enough, people seemed to love him while he was in power, exalting his virtues and counting their blessings for having him as their leader. Instead of making him a fancy throne, his people lined his pockets with hard currency, which probably ended up in secret Swiss bank accounts.

A similar situation exists in Iraq, where the country's impoverished citizenry can gape in awe at Saddam Hussein's palaces, which frequently make international news. These palaces of doom are not only thought to be hideouts for Hussein but also a hiding place for some very nasty weapons and illegal programs. Most importantly, these palaces were built for Hussein after he brought a country that was once rich, prosperous and enlightened to its knees.

The stories go on and on about dictators, leaders and ruling mobs who robbed their people blind. But kleptocracy is not a phenomenon that is confined to totalitarian regimes. It can coexist with democracy, albeit in a cleaner, gentler form.

What about those who lost their life savings in the Enron, Worldcom and Anderson scandals? This is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to individual greed working in tandem with corporate and political power. The democratic process and

De Novo



Basel Kasaby

rule of law seem to soften the problem a little, but it is really no different than what happens regularly all over the world.

Individuals with extreme wealth and power and those close to them speak the same language whether they are in Saudi Arabia, Nigeria or the United States. It would be naïve to suggest, however, that all they care about is money. At a certain point,

wealth, political power and the legitimacy of the whole system become inseparable. The big smiles on George W. Bush and King Fahd's faces during their photo ops are indeed genuine, despite all the problems both leaders are facing. They both know the bottom line is the same, so long as they can agree on how to split the pie.

It is important to remember that corporate greed is not exactly the culprit here. A healthy dose of greed is the essence of the system and plays an important role in developing industry and creating jobs. Unbridled greed and theft are not. The hundreds of millions of dollars that Enron and Worldcom executives made in their suspect dealings probably mean nothing to them in terms of material comfort or life necessities. What is an extra boat or another million-dollar vacation home? At the same time, for those who lost their retirement and savings, every dollar means a whole lot more. This is the obvious but painful difference between high rollers and ordinary people. Even though they do not have the means to start over or even hedge their bets,

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Society thinks you're fat, well I ain't down with that

Sometimes I sit around and take note of how many people are skinny and how many are not. I listen to the conversations people have. I read articles and watch the *Today* show specials on the topic of losing weight and looking good and with nobody at fault I find myself surrounded by the "skinny-concerned" — at home, at work, at school, everywhere, even on TV.

After all the actions are taken and all the words are spoken, I come away believing that in society today we place too much attention on the importance of looking good and losing weight.

Let it be known that I'm not writing this for fat people, nor am I writing for you bastard skinny people who set the standard for beauty so high. Rather, I am writing this for all of us.

There are a million diets out there and with them a million excuses. People will eat anything, do anything or eat and do nothing to look a certain way. It is a complicated situation and it drives me nuts.

Have you ever been on a diet?

I was on the Atkins Diet a couple of times. I ate only protein — hamburgers, steaks, beef jerky, eggs and other non-

Jambalaya



Brandon Clogston

carbohydrate foods like pickles and cheese. Sounds delicious, huh? It was fun for a little while, and then it sucked, just like most diets probably do. But then again it sucks having a belly too, so what are we all to do? We can either be fat and jolly or skinny and malnourished, or if we're lucky enough, we're somewhere right in between.

How about exercising?

My excuse for that one is simple. I don't have enough time. Sure, I could be at the gym at 6 a.m. but after working or studying until midnight or 1 a.m., I would rather get a little sleep before I get up and do the same damn thing all over again. Call me what you will, just don't call me fat. Just kidding. You can call me fat, I don't mind.

Can't you just watch what you eat?

Well, I do. But as I make reference to the age-old excuse, I'm more on the less strict side of the pendulum when it comes to eating. Sometimes I don't have time to eat a well-rounded meal and if I have to make do with what is available, whether it's animal crackers from the junk food machine or a nasty burger in the cafeteria, I'll eat it if I have to. But that doesn't mean

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Letter to the editor

Dear editor:

I am writing concerning the budget cuts proposed for UNO. I understand that lack of funds is the issue but is cutting out the heart of UNO the answer?

Our culture is screaming for a heart. Enron is a perfect example of this, as is Columbine. Teaching values, diversity and the humanities may not pay the huge short-term money profits but it pays tremendously in the hearts and souls of people, the same people who are/will be the leaders of corporations and governments.

By eliminating teachers and programs that promote serious discussion and

thought on issues such as diversity, ethics and morals, we are cutting out the heart of our student education — of our people — but even worse, we are putting a dollar sign on it.

Please, please reconsider the proposed budget cuts.

Leaders have great responsibility.

The best leaders listen to those they lead.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Mekelburg

Student in the College of Continuing Studies

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Knowledge is key in understanding, escaping domestic violence

A few years ago my cousin gave birth to a 1-pound baby boy. He was born three months early and did not have much of a chance for survival. Two weeks later he was removed from tubes and monitors so that he could die peacefully in my cousin's arms.

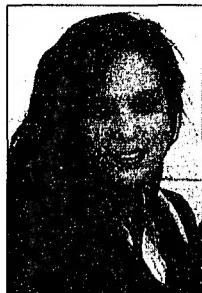
It is unfortunate that babies can be born too early, causing such a precious life to be lost so quickly. But this early delivery was not an act of nature; it was an act of abuse.

Shortly before my cousin went into labor she found herself in an argument with the baby's father. He was known for being violent and the family was very concerned for my cousin's well being. The day he went to a little farther than hitting her in the face, or squeezing her arms until they bruised. That day he punched her in the stomach.

My cousin has moved on and discovered that she is worthy of being treated better. For many women, this is a hard lesson to learn. So many victims believe that if they just try a little harder they could make the man love them again.

When my cousin did finally realize that she needed to get away from this man, she was

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Jennifer Mullins

unable to. He became angry and began to slash the tires on her parent's cars. He beat on the front door of any residence my cousin was occupying and threatened to kill various members of our family.

The court system offered my cousin a restraining order, but it was not effectively enforced. Police required hard evidence of any incident that occurred. The boyfriend became very clever at causing havoc just out of reach of the

law.

Even if my cousin had been injured police would be more likely to respond quickly to a victim who did not know their attacker. According to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics, police are more likely to respond within five minutes of a call if an offender is a stranger rather than if the victim knows the offender.

The fight against domestic violence has a bleak outlook for many women, as two out of three female victims of violence are related to or know their attackers. Victims are in need of help.

This month the YWCA is beginning a

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I won't enjoy it or eat again the rest of the day, it just means I'll put on a little padding in the area around my belt.

Why do you care if you're a little fat?

I don't, but there are too many people who do. I eat and drink whatever I desire. Maybe one day I'll regret it, especially the drinking part, but for now I enjoy doing what I want. I enjoy eating wings, opting for the Budweiser instead of the Bud Light and sleeping in instead of getting up and working out first thing in the morning.

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they are treated as equals by the system. After all, when you play the market, losing is part of the game.

The situation is sadder when we consider all the other events that are overshadowing the multitude of personal tragedies brought about by unchecked greed. The prospects of war have all but eclipsed the

My point is simple. Eat what you want but be mindful of what's in it. Drink what you want but be careful of how much and get some sleep if you need it. And for the sake of us all, don't go along with society if you don't want to. Be yourself and you'll be happy. If others aren't happy with you — they think you're too fat or not fat enough — then forget them. Enjoy your life and be what you will.

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corporate scandals, even though they affected so many lives. I wonder if it would cost taxpayers less if we were to use tax revenue to build lavish palaces for each of our political and industry leaders instead of lining their pockets with our hard-earned money and forgiving their transgressions while their hands are still in our pockets.

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Editorial cartoon by Kristina Hamilton

"The students seem to be angry."

"Let them eat cake."



Attn: Gateway readers

Because of the scheduled fall break, we will not be publishing a Gateway on Friday, Oct. 18 or Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Instant student president/regent election results by 9:15 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 16.

A full story with pictures by 8 am, Thursday, Oct. 17 on

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- 4) Do you approve the SG UNO constitution?

Vote on the constitution, which will be available for reference prior to the election on the UNO home page Oct. 1-15 (see the flag icon).

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Film series to document nonviolent movements

HOLLY LUKASIEWICZ
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Nonviolent efforts for peace are often associated with Mother Theresa, Ghandi, Pope John Paul II, Jane Goodall and Martin Luther King, Jr.

This weekend, The Omaha School of Yoga deals a dose of peace by sponsoring a series of films documenting successful nonviolent resistance movements called *A Force More Powerful*.

It will be shown at The Blue Barn Theatre, 614 S. 11th St., on Saturday, Oct. 12, with proceeds going to the Sienna-Francis House.

A Force More Powerful contains actual footage of six different movements that used nonviolent resistance and were successful in their efforts. Social disharmony in Chile, Denmark during World War II and civil rights movements in Tennessee are among the events portrayed. Interviews with witnesses and survivors make up a prominent portion of each documented event.

In reference to nonviolent resistance, Larry Zier, a yoga instructor and developer of the event, says: "It really can be a form of power." Other options linger in solving problems, and Zier says the films are reminders of that.

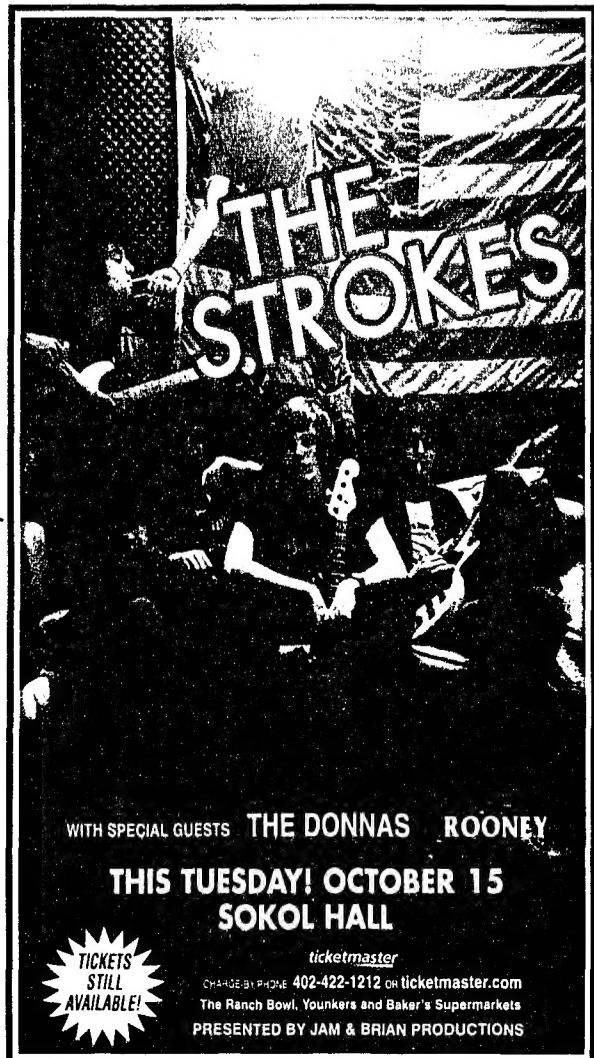
"You can actually move and make things happen with nonviolent resistance," he explains. "It's not about rolling over. Many think it's a sign of weakness and that's not what nonviolent resistance is about. A little bit of awareness that there is an option — and here are some stories to prove it."

Zier says the idea to donate money from *A Force More Powerful* to a local charity stemmed from the notion that peace begins in your own heart, then spreads to family, community and then the world. He also had friends who were active with the Sienna-Francis House and so was aware of the work done at the home.

"When you start to think about compassion and whatnot, really we're only as good as the lowly member of our society and the Sienna-Francis House is probably the keeper of some of the lowliest," Zier says. "Anything we can do to help them out because they do such good work down

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Nick Tarlowski (right), shown here with Mikey E., founded local music label Suckapunch Records. Tarlowski is a student at UNL and a guitarist/singer for Lincoln punk band JV All*Stars.

photo by Danielle Petersen

The force behind the punch

DANELLE PETERSEN
STAFF WRITER

The idea to start a record label came in September 2001, when Nick Tarlowski, student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and guitarist/singer for Lincoln punk band JV All*Stars and some friends were hanging out.

They started talking about how difficult it is to get local music out these days. It is not an easy task to get an album made, get artwork together, book shows, sell albums in stores and above all, pay for it all.

It takes some bands months or years to pay for everything. Craig Reier, guitarist/singer from Fatty and The Twins, combined forces with Tarlowski and decided to stop sitting around and do something to help the bands they believe in do what they love.

Their dream became reality in November 2001. After brainstorming names for the label, they came up with Special Olympic Records and Donkey Punch Records but quickly agreed that both were too offensive. It was quickly changed to Suckapunch Records, "because it rolls off your tongue better," Tarlowski says.

Suckapunch helps bands with booking shows and getting stickers, buttons and CDs made. To record bands, Tarlowski works with Globe Kid Studios in Omaha and In-House Production in Lincoln. Despite all of this, Tarlowski says he doesn't "know anything about running a record

label."

One problem bands deal with after they put much time and money into making an album is coming up with the money to get it mass-produced. This is where Suckapunch can help out.

"We don't go about 'signing' bands; we 'team up'," Tarlowski says. "We are not based on how we can market bands but based on friends who all work together."

No one has ever signed a contract; they simply go by "handshakes and friendships," Tarlowski says. The bands realize one day they will need contracts but Tarlowski says, they "don't want to do that now."

"Right now we are focused on putting out records that are good and that we like," Tarlowski says. "Even if a band is not on the label we will help out if they are good guys."

Suckapunch has an ever-changing roster but there are currently five bands "teamed up" on the label. JV All*Stars Fatty and the Twins, Settle For Less, Same Old Crap and newcomer Fourth Time all contribute to the label.

The label is currently working with Lincoln indie band Mr. 1986. This will be the first CD released by a band not on the label. Suckapunch is helping Mr. 1986 press CDs, distribute them and get shows booked. The label will be paid back after the albums start selling.

Suckapunch has had a lot of good luck with selling

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Horoscopes

PREDICTIONS BY
MADAME ZORA

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

Why is it you always get the creaky chair? I certainly don't know, so don't ask me.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

You love winter. You can't wait for it this year. Run around outside singing "Let It Snow" at the top of your lungs. Just watch out for people who come after you with chainsaws.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You hate winter. Go after people singing songs about snow with chainsaws.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You keep falling asleep in class. You could have narcolepsy ... or maybe this class is just really boring.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You have decided your new favorite font is Verdana. Type all your papers in verdana, no matter what your instructors say. Take that, times new roman!

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Get creative! Buy some paints and dump them all over yourself. Then market yourself as a walking piece of art.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

You have become obsessed with

Emogame.com. Remember to take breaks every so often to check back with the folks at Makeoutclub.com.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

What's all this fuss about Emogame.com anyway? You don't even own a computer; you could care less.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Sigh. Is it the weekend yet?

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

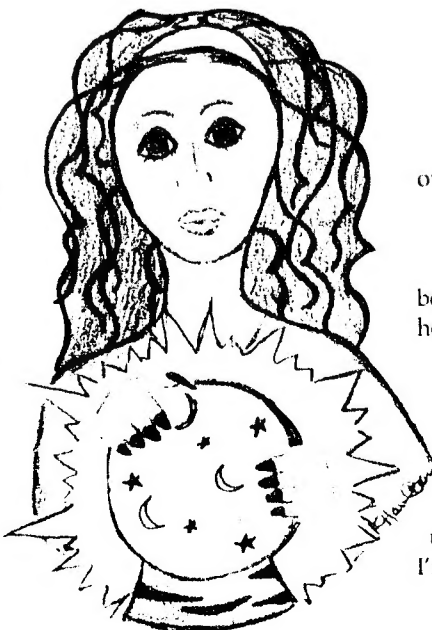
You owe me \$80. Yes, you. Fork it over, pal.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Your power color this week is beige. Cover yourself in the hue, head to toe.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

WILL SOMEONE PLEASE TURN THAT MUSIC DOWN? Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's over. I'm outta here.



Burrows' Great American Parade is a history lesson in the process

HOLLY LUKASIEWICZ

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It'd be interesting to read what author Robert Burrows thinks of President Bush these days with all his impish pre-war epiphanies.

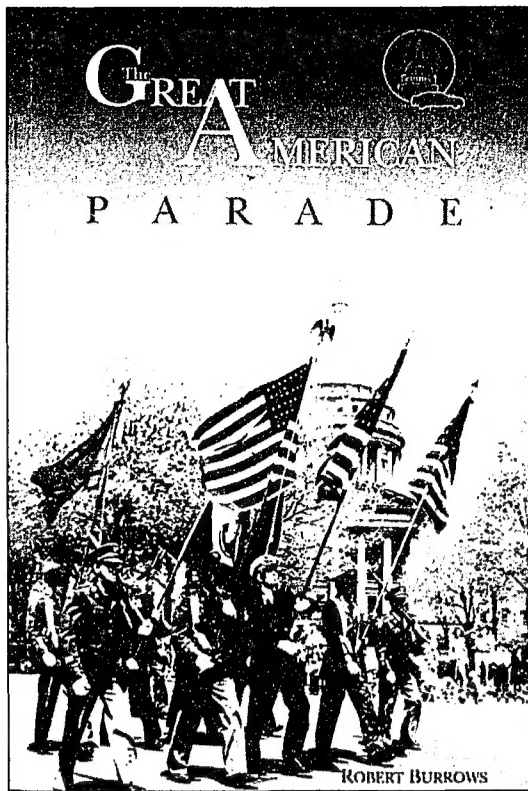
In Burrows' self-published book *The Great American Parade*, Burrows is blatantly vocal in his distrust of Bush. Burrows shares an entertaining and easily understandable tale of the growing separation of rich and poor in our country — the evolution of a true U.S. oligarchy system — with Bush administration tax cuts and elimination of the estate tax.

The Great American Parade is a fictional story based on very real people and their ideas — namely, the Bush administration. Real people are named from Secretary of State Colin Powell to Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold. Because of this combination, it can be slightly confusing.

Burrows skews reality when he creates an elaborate story of the planning of a "Great American Parade" by the Bush administration to honor the country's wealthiest and "highest achievers" (as if one, automatically and legitimately, categorizes the other). Only the wealthiest will be invited. Expensive cars painted in gold, to be given as gifts to "high achievers," will line the streets of Washington's Mall for the parade's procession.

Secrecy is held in high regards by Bush and his buddies as planning proceeds with the celebration of the "hard-working people who had attained the highest level of success in our intensely competitive society — their success clearly demonstrated by their annual incomes."

Burrows relies on an, at times, lame sense of sarcasm to frame the quotes he gives Bush and other leading characters.



The Great American Parade by Robert Burrows is a fictional story based on real people and their ideas.

Burrows adds a twist he must have thought college students would identify with when he introduces a group of over-achieving college students (since all college students are over-achievers) from Wisconsin who decide to disrupt the Great American Parade.

These students plan a parade of their own, the "Crusade to Save American Democracy," composed of those who will deliberately be left out of the other parade.

There were corny attempts at side romances and overall, I had a hard time relating to the students, except for their concern for government-acknowledged

equality. Despite this, Burrows gives them a relevant voice to educate on some key points.

These points mainly consist of the following:

Today's wealth in America is hidden in investments in corporations, insurance companies, etc., thus hidden from the public's eye

Great fortunes are a "present danger" to the existence of true democracy

Wealthy self-interests will continue to rule the decisions of those who govern us. Each point holds a considerable capacity of truth. And because they were so often repeated, they become graspable concepts to understand.

This is an elementary tale about an un-elementary concept. Though Burrows overly repeats his obvious disagreements with the present state of our government and at times it reads like he wrote straight from his thesaurus, it's a good history lesson in the process.

This novel was Burrows' way of nonviolently protesting his grievances with the Bush administration. He has a concern for the American government's future — a questionable future of the people, by the people, and for the people. Write on, Burrows.

The big concert update

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OMAHA:

Oct. 11 Cowboy Junkies — Music Box
Oct. 15 The Strokes — Sokol Auditorium
Oct. 16 Better Than Ezra — Music Box
Oct. 16 Nonpoint — Ranch Bowl
Oct. 16 Karate — Sokol Underground
Oct. 19 Mindless Self Indulgence — Ranch Bowl
Oct. 19 Rilo Kiley — Sokol Underground
Oct. 21 The Hope Conspiracy — Farnam Street
Oct. 22 Imperial Teen — Sokol Underground
Oct. 25 Enon — Sokol Underground

LINCOLN:

Oct. 17 Red Elvises — Zoo Bar
Oct. 27 Jerry Cantrell — Knickerbockers

DES MOINES, Iowa:

Oct. 12 Cowboy Junkies — Civic Center

LAWRENCE, Kan.:

Oct. 21 Dashboard Confessional — Liberty Hall
Oct. 21 Better Than Ezra — Bottleneck

MINNEAPOLIS:

Oct. 11 Clinic — First Avenue
Oct. 12 Division of Laura Lee — 400 Bar
Oct. 12 Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers — Fine Line Music Café
Oct. 13 The Strokes — Orpheum Theatre
Oct. 16 Boy Sets Fire — First Avenue
Oct. 16 Elvis Costello — Orpheum Theatre
Oct. 16 Hoobastank — Quest Club
Oct. 17 Violent Femmes — First Avenue
Oct. 17 Beck — Orpheum Theatre
Oct. 18 Rilo Kiley — 400 Bar
Oct. 18 Songs: Ohia — 7th Street Entry

KANSAS CITY, Mo.:

Oct. 13 Snapcase — El Torreon
Oct. 16 Tool — Kemper Arena

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albums so far. In August, Suckapunch Records released its first compilation CD, *Hit 'Em Where It Counts*.

The 26-track CD features 11 tracks by Suckapunch bands, three courtesy of Omaha's Indian Burn Records and the rest from some other great regional acts.

All four Suckapunch bands contributed more than just money to the album's success. Members of the bands designed the album, stickers and buttons, booked CD release parties, got the street team together and did most of the promotion for the record.

"It was no one's big project, they all did it," Tarlowski says. "When

those CDs came out, we were all so proud."

Tarlowski made it apparent that if it wasn't for the Suckapunch street team and the kids in the community who help promote shows and the label, the endeavors wouldn't have been as successful. There are about 20 street team members in college and high school who go out and promote Suckapunch with fliers. In return, they get advance copies of records and get into shows for free.

Street team member Whitney Shaw, a junior at Lincoln East High School, says, "I like supporting local music because local

bands need all the help they can get, especially with Nick as their main man.

"Suckapunch Records is about fun times and rock and roll."

Suckapunch is about more than just fun — it is a lot of work.

"We are like a community, an army — not one or two people, there are tons of people who help," Tarlowski says.

Label-mate Pete Bataillon of Settle For Less says, "Suckapunch

has taught me more than just about music, it's also been a good lesson in friendship and business practices."

Tarlowski says if he could change anything, he would avoid letting labels get in between friends and having people from labels segregating themselves at shows. He wants to keep it all about music, not about "ridiculous label alliances."

Tarlowski says his goal with Suckapunch is "to stay happy. Once it's not fun anymore, I won't do it."

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there."

So far there has been enthusiastic response toward the film and, because there will always be room for social awareness in the community, it is hoped they can share it as much as possible.

"You have guys talking about war," Zier says. "Then you have guys talking about compassion. Selfishness and self-centeredness — [the roots] of our problems — so selfishness must be the answer. Somehow you feel better hearing that message."

The first three segments of *A Force More Powerful* will be shown from 4:30 to 6 p.m., with three additional segments shown from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for one screening or \$9 for both. Call 346-7813 for more information.

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Golf coach Brooks named NCC coach of the year

CHIP OLSEN
STAFF WRITER

UNO golf coach Melissa Brooks was named North Central Conference coach of the year following her team's conference championship Sunday at Ironwood Country Club.

In three short years, Brooks has developed the women's golf program into a division powerhouse.

Brooks, a native of Fredonia, Kan., began playing golf at age 6.

Her father, a high school golf coach, introduced her to the game. As a child, she always tagged along with her dad and his team.

At age 12, Brooks was challenging and often defeating people who were two, three, even four times her age.

"When all the other kids were swimming at the pool, I was hustling the old men for money at the country club," Brooks said with a chuckle.

Her father, nevertheless, was the one opponent she couldn't defeat.

She finally got that win three years ago when she was 29.

"He plays the mental game," she said. "He's a scratch golfer (shoots even par) and he's always been able to kick my butt."

In high school, Brooks was a four-time Kansas state golf champion. Basketball, however, was her first love and at 5 feet 9 inches she was an all-state shooting guard averaging more than 30 points a game.

But Brooks was temporarily sidelined when a tumor was discovered where her collarbone and sternum meet. The tumor, along with her sternum, was removed when



The UNO golf team shows off its most recent achievement. UNO took the champion's seat during the North Central Conference tournament, held last weekend at Ironwood Country Club in Omaha.

she was 17.

"When the college coaches found out I had a tumor, they figured I was a risk," she said. "It was one of the most devastating things that happened to me. I figured I was going to play college basketball."

Doctors told her to stay away from contact sports, so her attention swung to golf.

Golf offers poured from Kansas, Kansas State, California-Berkeley and North Texas. She ended up in Lincoln, where she played and shined as a Husker. She was a National College Golf Association Scholastic all-American in 1994 and 1995 and was on the conference's all-academic team three times.

She graduated with a physical education degree.

For eight years Brooks has been teaching. She is currently Omaha North's physical education teacher. Before coming to Omaha she was at Culler Middle School in Lincoln — she coached golf at Lincoln Southeast during that time, too. She coached golf and basketball at North before accepting the position at UNO — she was also teaching pro for one summer at Shadow Ridge Country Club.

It is considered recruiting to coach at the high school level and the college level simultaneously, so Brooks chose college.

"To be a college coach was the ultimate

goal for me," she said.

Where this program has landed after three years of existence is an amazing feat. Brooks has brought the team to a high level of play and she looks forward to the team picking up right where they left off when the split-season resumes in the spring.

"This might be a part-time job," she said, "but the time I put in is way beyond a part-time situation; that's how important my team is to me."

Aside from the championship and coaching honors, Brooks said it's satisfying to see her juniors, the women who have been there since day one, develop into leaders. They have grown and learned as a group, she said.

"We are a really close-knit team," Brooks said. "I think that's what makes us good."

Brooks recently got her amateur status returned from the United States Golf Association. At next summer's tournaments — where several of her players will be — such as State Stroke Play, State Match Play, the U.S. Open qualifying and the U.S. Amateur, Brooks will be converted into a fierce competitor, which, according to Brooks, will cause serious problems for the women on her team.

"They better work hard this summer," Brooks said, "because they don't want to play me in a match. I'll get in their heads."

At the beginning of the fall season, junior Stephanie Oster, one of Brooks' standout players, didn't seem too worried about the potential match up.

"I'm sure we (the team) could beat her once in a while," Oster said.

Mav soccer team scrapes by Northern Colorado, takes 1-0 win

PAUL FREELAND
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Riding high after a 5-1 win over then No. 10 Northern Colorado, UNO's soccer team was quickly brought back to earth Wednesday by a physical Rockhurst University squad.

Christen Boeckel's 33rd-minute corner kick caused a goalmouth scramble that led to the game's only goal as the fourth-ranked Mavericks held on for a 1-0 win, their 11th of the 2002 season.

Maverick Head Coach Don Klosterman said having to scrape out a result provided a pair of lessons for his team.

"A win is a win," Klosterman said. "There were a couple good things that came out of this game. We had to find a different way to win and we realized that teams are going to come out trying to beat us and we're going to get everyone's best effort. We have to remember that."

Rockhurst keeper Kari Dwyer kept her side in the match in the first half, tipping shots from Stephanie Kirby and Jessica Dotson over the bar in the early going. UNO's breakthrough came in the 33rd minute after Dwyer had already been forced to clear a Boeckel corner kick behind her goal.

Boeckel then served the resulting corner to the near post where Dwyer and Akeisha Varnado got to the ball simultaneously. The Hawks' keeper won the aerial challenge, but



UNC's Katie Turner and Maverick Akeisha Varnado collide as they both try to direct the ball.

only succeeded in punching the ball into her own goal and handing the Mavericks a 1-0 advantage.

Boeckel said the combination of her team not being in top form and Rockhurst's physical play made for a rough day.

"Today just wasn't our best day," Boeckel said. "Rockhurst came out and played us hard."

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Rumble in the Aud: Maverick Stampede

BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

Two top 10 schools in the college hockey world will trek to Omaha on Oct. 11 and 12 as UNO hosts the third annual Maverick Stampede at the Civic Auditorium.

Denver, ranked No. 2 in U.S. College Hockey's preseason poll, will play No. 7 Michigan State Friday at 5 p.m. in the first game of the Stampede. The Mavericks play Colgate at 8 p.m.

The winners will play for the Omaha Cup Saturday night at 8 p.m. The other two teams will play a consolation game at 5 p.m.

UNO began hosting the season-opening tournament in 2000 as a way to raise money for the university, generate local and national focus on Omaha and ultimately turn heads at the NCAA.

Maverick coach Mike Kemp said: "We want to bring in teams here into this tournament that make it a marquee event nationally. They're going to look up and say 'Wow, look at what's at the Stampede, that's a hell of a tournament.'"

This year features two top 10 teams playing. Denver won the Western Collegiate Hockey Association title last season and advanced to the western regionals. Michigan State finished second in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association and also advanced to the western regionals.

UNO will play Colgate Friday night after just 11 practices. With 10 rookies coming in, Kemp wishes he had more time to integrate the freshmen.

"We'd love to have 16 to 20 practices

like other sports get but that's not the case," Kemp said. "Instead of trying to rush our team along, we're going to come in with a simple, sound approach."

Colgate had an off year, finishing in a tie for sixth in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference. However, the East-Coast-style hockey Colgate plays could still give UNO fits.

"They're going to be very quick, they are going to move the puck very well and they will be an upbeat offensive style team," Kemp said.

With all the talented teams coming in, the university as a whole is looking to attract a large crowd, not just to the UNO games.

"The philosophy of this tournament has been to give our fans here in Omaha the best college competition," Kemp said.

The first two years of the tournament have featured a team that has made the Frozen Four. Boston College, who won the Omaha cup in 2000, also won the national title. Michigan, who finished second last year, made the Frozen Four semi-final.

It is to the advantage, Kemp said, to play such a tough schedule up front, and it is especially beneficial for the rookies before conference play.

"We want to make sure we get them into the toughest competition we can so that they can see what it is going to take going into league competition," Kemp said. "In the CCHA every night is a war."

Kemp said national powers Maine and Wisconsin have already committed for next year's event. Kemp was an assistant coach at Wisconsin for 25 years before he took the head coaching job at UNO.

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The performances will range from dancing to singing acts. Dacosta said she is also lining up a few poets for the event.

The event is open to the community and anyone can participate.

"These programs aren't just for Latinos; they're for everyone to enjoy," Lewis said.

Adriana Piña, president of Lambda Theta Nu, said she knows the sorority has worked really hard for the talent show.

"I'm very proud of the ladies for putting in the time for the Latino Talent Show," she said. "So, the community can see that there is a strong Latino community on campus."

Jake Jokerst, president of Sigma Lambda Beta, said this is the first Latino Talent show held on campus.

"The purpose of holding the event was to get not only the university involved but also

the community," Jokerst said.

"Even though it's a small part," Jokerst said. "We're still having our voice heard."

There is no time limit on each performance. They will be judged by a group of faculty and staff members.

Dacosta said she's had a good response from the community.

"They believe the show is a great idea," she said.

A teacher from Burke high school contacted Dacosta to ask permission to bring about 35 students to the event.

Although the heritage month will come to an end shortly, Villegas said she was proud that she was able to give the community a glance into her culture.

If you're interested in performing for the event, contact Dacosta for more information at 554-2711.

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campaign in honor of domestic violence month. The object of this campaign is to raise awareness of violence and the avenues of escape for its victims.

As parents we have the responsibility to participate in events like these. Being involved shows our children that we oppose violent behavior. Involvement also helps our children understand that violence is a problem.

A common belief is that children from broken or dysfunctional homes are most likely to be involved in domestic violence cases. My cousin is from a very loving home where her parents are still happily married.

Her story is chilling proof that despite a happy home life and positive parent role models your child can still be a victim of domestic violence.

Knowledge is the key. If you and your children understand domestic violence and the routes one can take to escape it there is less of a chance that you or your children will suffer from it. Abusers feed off of fear. Fear is quenched by knowledge.

For more information on events happening in your area, contact the YWCA at 402-345-6555 or UNO's PRSSA adviser, Karen Weber, at 554-2246.

Jennifer Mullins can be contacted at letstalkkids@gateway.unomaha.edu

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"They put us under the gun a bit and that was an eye-opener."

Brytten Kraft had a chance to double the Mavs' lead four minutes later when Varnado laid the ball off to her in the penalty area, but Kraft scuffed her shot and Dotson's follow-up effort was saved by Dwyer. Molly Wiman had the Hawks' best chance of the first half two minutes before the break as she was played in unmarked at the top of the box, but her shot sailed high over the crossbar.

One minute after the restart, UNO threatened again, but Stephanie Kruse's first-time volley from a Kirby free kick was well saved by Dwyer. Ashley Grace's run down the left side in the 59th minute led her into the box, but her shot sailed into the side netting.

Jackie Zinselmeyer had a gilt-edged chance to tie the score one minute later as she was played in alone at the back post with Maverick keeper Amy Price stranded, but Zinselmeyer put her shot wide of the open goal.

Another goalkeeping gaffe by Dwyer nearly sealed the win for UNO nine minutes from time. The Hawks' keeper came out to stop Anne Willrett near the top of the box, but the ball squirted free and rolled away from both players. Dwyer was able to recover first and corralled the loose ball before it rolled over the goal line. Willrett had another chance five minutes later when she crossed into the box, only to have her effort bounce off the far post and roll clear.

Boeckel said the coaching staff applauded the players for the result, if not the artistry.

"The coaches told us that it wasn't pretty, but we got the job done," Boeckel said. "It's good to get a game like this under our belts. A win is a win and we have to remember that we're not untouchable."

Boeckel was credited with the game's lone goal, her second tally of the season. UNO improved to 11-0 (3-0 NCC) with the win, their 15th straight dating back to last season, while Rockhurst fell to 8-5. The Hawks entered the match ranked seventh in the Central region rankings while the Mavs held the top spot. UNO outshot the Hawks 24-8 and had 10 corner kicks to Rockhurst's one.

Physical play also marked the afternoon affair as the Mavericks were whistled for 16 fouls and two yellow cards. Klosterman said the hard outing might have come at a good time for his team with the remainder of the North Central Conference schedule to follow.

"I thought [Rockhurst] provided a good lesson," Klosterman said. "It's been a while since we had someone come out and play us hard like that. That's good strategy on their part. I'm glad we got this out of the way now so we can be ready down the stretch."

A rematch with 2001 NCC regular season champions Minnesota State-Mankato (10-3, 3-1) awaits UNO in its next match. The match, which will be played in Mankato, will be the teams' first meeting since the Mavs' 2-1 triple overtime win in the NCC postseason tournament last season. Junior forward Amber Dusosky, who redshirted last year, leads MSM in both goals (21) and total points (48). UNO will then return to Omaha for a match on Sunday against South Dakota State (8-4, 1-2).

assemble," he said. "And that's what I'm doing."

Turner said he hoped the protest would have long term effects, reaching from next week's Student Government elections to next month's state elections.

"It's really about continuing to send one message," he said.

He said more people than he expected showed up for the protest.

"I think it was stupendous in every way possible," Turner said.

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Statistics, 95 percent of all victims are female and almost all the perpetrators are male.

Last year, the American Medical Association said one-fifth to one-third of all women will be assaulted physically by either a partner or ex-partner during their lifetime.

A study conducted by the YWCA indicated there are roughly 30,000 households in the Omaha Metro area where domestic violence is present. There are 3.3 million children who witness their fathers beat their mothers every year. The number one reason abused women fled to shelters was to protect their children.

The YWCA defines sexual assault as: "when a person forces another person to have sex or perform sexual act, through coercion, threats, physical restraint or physical violence." By the age of 18, one out of every three girls and one out of every five boys will have been a victim of sexual assault.

Last year, the Journal of the American

Medical Association released a study that noted about 20 percent of high school girls have reported being either physically and/or sexually abused by a partner. This can result in increases of substance abuse, unhealthy weight gain, sexual risk behaviors, pregnancy, diseases and suicide.

Abuse goes beyond the physical element. It can also be mental abuse, which includes verbal abuse. Abusers threatening to harm themselves or harm their partners is one form; making their partners feel insecure about themselves and thinking no one else will love them is another.

The YWCA can help victims by providing safety and security. They are currently having a cell phone drive to give old cell phones to abused women for emergencies.

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university will crumble."

However, there was one person in the plaza who did not support the protest.

Student Joshua Harper held up a sign that said "No whining."

He said he thinks it is interesting that when people protest they don't believe others have the right to do the same when they disagree with what you are doing.

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Late fee: add \$5 after Oct. 7

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Saturday, Oct. 19, through Tuesday, Oct. 22
(Trip leaves Friday evening)
Mandatory pre-trip meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 7 to 9:50 p.m.
Early registration: \$177 UNO/\$195 general public
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Climbing Wall Class - Southwest YMCA
Wed. nights, Oct. 25 - Nov. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.
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6:50-7:50 pm - SUPER CIRCUIT, HPER 110/Audra

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4-5 pm - BASIC TRAINING, HPER 110 with Janine

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5:15-6:15 pm - KICKBOX MIX, HPER 110/Larry

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12-1 pm - CIRCUIT INTERVAL, HPER 110/Chris

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